GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CIVIL OPERATIONS AT BIDAR AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from State Government of Karnataka for commencing civil operations at Bidar Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government on this proposal?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. Bidar airport belongs to Ministry of Defence. On receipt of in principle approval from Indian Air Force (IAF), Ministry of Defence for establishment of Civil Enclave for civil flight operation from Bidar Airforce Station, Govt of Karnataka had constructed a pre-fabricated Passenger Terminal Building with capacity to handle 100 peak hour passengers at a time. Subsequently, Government of Karnataka requested for commen- cement of civil operations from the new civil enclave.

(c) The civil enclave is within the aerial distance of 150 Km from Rajiv Gandhi International airport, Shamshabad and the Concession Agreement entered into between Government of India (GoI) and Hyderabad International Airport Limited imposes obligation on GoI against operationalization of the same. Hence, the commencement of civil flight operations have not taken place as the airport operator of Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Shamshabad i.e. M/s Hyderabad International Airport Ltd. (HIAL) raised objection that development of Bidar Airport for civil flight operations is in contravention of the Concession Agreement.